sider preparing list of old cases and arrange for their early disposal. The Conference recommended several steps, in a resolution adopted by it, for speedy disposal of cases in Courts/Tribunals which have been accepted by the Government and commended to all the State Governments/High Courts for necessary action.

Failure of RBI in Providing Control over Banking Industry

1572. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of frauds, scams and siphoning of money from the public and private sector banks are on the increase in spite of assurances given to improve the systems in the banks after the JPC probe in the securities Scam;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India has failed in providing an efficient, effective and meaningful control over the banking industry; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such failure and the steps RBI/Government propose to take to improve the matters in banking industry?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of frauds and amounts involved therein that occurred in public and private sector banks as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the years 1990-95 are as follows:

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Year	Public Sector Banks		Private Sector Banks	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1990	1687	105.93	127	2.24
1991	1559	65.41	159	2.48
1992	1717	144.49	159	4.86
1993	2213	320.32	223	8.61
1994	2266	200.07	215	4.54
1995	1890	115.51	182	14.51

(Data Provisional)

(b) and (c) Prevention of frauds is a management function. RBI have been advising the banks various aspects of frauds such as modus operandi, the factors that facilitated the perpetration of frauds and steps required to be taken by banks to prevent them on the basis of information available to it from various sources. RBI circulates caution advices to the banks giving the names and addresses of companies/firms/proprietary concerns and their directors/partners and associates whenever a fraud by borrower customers is reported by banks. RBI also conducts snap inspections covering systems and procedures and control arrangements in fraud prone areas and bring to the notice of the bank the deficiencies observed for remedial action.

The RBI and the Government have advised the banks to implement the recommendations of the Ghosh Committee which reviewed various aspects of frauds and malpractices in the banking system. The banks are also advised to impart proper training to the operational personnel so that they appreciate the implications of laxities in following laid down procedures and take needed care in actual working. Banks have been impressed upon to clear arrears in balancing of books and reconciliation of inter-branch and other accounts on a continuous basis so as to prevent frauds in these areas. Annual review of vigilance arrangement obtaining in banks in also undertaken by Government.

Works Undertaken by the Office of Serologist and Chemical Examiner

1573. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the works undertaken by the Office of Serologist and Chemical Examiner, Calcutta;

(b) whether any of the posts in this office are being abolished,

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether this is likely to hamper 50 per cent of the work being done by this office?